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KUTTANADU PACKAGE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented Kuttanadu Package for the sustainable development of agriculture and livelihood of the people of Kuttanadu;

(b) if so, the salient features of the package thereof along with the current status thereof;

(c) whether several schemes proposed under the package not yet been implemented;

(d) if so, the reasons thereof;

(e) whether the Government is considering to extend the time of implementation of Kuttanadu package in Kerala;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the total expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) to (f): The Government had granted 'in-principle' approval in July, 2008 for providing financial support amounting to Rs.1840.75 crore for implementing various programmes/interventions suggested by M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation for development of Kuttanad Wetland Eco-system. The programme/interventions were to be implemented by the concerned Ministries/Departments within their existing schemes and funding pattern for which the Government of Kerala was required to submit proposals after formulation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) to the concerned Ministries/Departments of the Government of India in accordance with the approved guidelines/procedures for such schemes. The programmes/interventions involving financial outlay upto Rs.50 lakhs were to be implemented by the State Government of Kerala from their own funds under their schemes.

As on September, 2014, Rs.1270.27 crore have been sanctioned for the implementation of various programmes/interventions of which, Rs.517.27 crore have been released and Rs.398.78 crore have been utilized.

As reported by the Government of Kerala, projects relating to modernization of Thannermukkom Barrage and the efficiency of Thottapally spillway and leading channel have not been implemented because Planning Commission and National Disaster Management Authority have not given clearance/approval.

Implementation period of Kuttanad package ended in July, 2012. The Government has not extended the period but has advised the State Government to implement the approved activities of Kuttanad package under various on-going schemes/programmes of Government like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) etc.

(g):The details of expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years and the current year is as under:

Year	Total Expenditure (Rs. in crores)
2011-12	79.64
2012-13	79.17
2013-14	158.22
Upto October, 2014	63.60